Signs of Qiyaamat

All praise is due only to Allaah. We laud Him and beseech His aid and beg forgiveness only from Him and believe in Him and rely solely on Him. We seek salvation in Him from the evils of our inner selves and the vices of our actions. There is none to misguide one whom Allaah intends to guide. I bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship but Allaah, the One who has no partner. I also testify that Hadhrat Muhammad (Sallahu Alahyi Wassalam) is the faithful servant and the Last Rasul of Allaah. May Allaah Ta'ala's mercy be on him, his family and his Sahabaah (Radia Allahu Anhum Ajmaeen) and may He bless them and raise their status.

There are various signs. Major and Minor ones. Minor signs leading up to the first major sign which is the appearance of Hadhrat Mahdi. Further there are those signs which precede the recognition of Hadhrat Mahdi. In these leaflets we enumerate the minor signs. This is the first one of the series. Allaah willing we will also list those signs which will occur prior to Hadhrat Mahdi.
Read and access how many signs have passed. Then ponder the pressing need for change in every aspect of our lives
When you see that:

1. They are betraying their trusts; (Durre-Mansoor-1 to 54)
2. They are eating usury;
3. They are building high rise buildings;
4. They are breaking ties of relationships;
5. The administration of justice will become weak;
6. Lies become truth and truth becomes lies;
7. The number of divorces increase;
8. Sudden deaths will become common:
9. Tyranny and oppression become prevalent;

10. Liars are trusted upon;
11. The truthful are belied;
12. There is an increase in slanders;
13. Boys become a cause of anger;
14. Rulers and ministers become liars;
15. The monitors become tyrants;
16. The people that recite the Qur'an will be sinners;
17. The people will put on sheep skin garments;
18. Their hearts will become more putrid than rotten dead meat and more bitter than Aloe;
19. Allaah shall cover them with troubles and trials in which they will be wandering about like the wandering of the tyrant jews;
20. Dinars (gold coins) will be in abundance;
21. Silver will be in great demand;
22. Sins will be committed in increasing numbers;
23. Peace and security will deteriorate;
24. The Qu'ran will be lavishly decorated;
25. Pulpits will be rised high;
26. Masjids will be decorated with beautiful designs;
27. Lofty minarets will be constructed;
28. The hearts will become desolate;
29. The punishments of the Sharee'ah will be suspended;
30. Slave girls will give birth to their masters;
31. Naked, unclad and poverty stricken man will become kings and rulers;
32. People will swear by names other than the name of Allaah;
33. The Muslims shall give witnesses without being asked to do that;
34. They will bid salam only to known persons;
35. They will study law and jurisprudence for the sake of earning worldly gains;
36. They will pretend to work for the Hereafter but will do so for the sake of worldly resourses;
37. They will take war-spoils as wealth and trusts as war-spoils;

38. Man shall harm his friends;
39. Singing girls shall be kept as mistresses;
40. People shall do wrong with a show of pride;
41. Socks made of beasts’ skins shall be in use;
42. The later generation of this Ummat shall curse the past ancestors;
43. Dancing and merry-making parties will be held everywhere;
44. Intoxicants and narcotics will come into use openly;
45. Nations will become united on enmity against you;
46. Islaam will become a stranger like how it was in the beginning;
47. Muslims will follow the steps of past Jews and Christians at every step;
48. People will not follow the Model of the Nabi (SAW)’s life;
49. Female Governers; (Tirmidhi)
50. Women will ride on animals having saddles;
51. Muslims shall kill Muslims;
52. The murderer shall not know why he murdered and the victim shall not know why he was killed;
53. Believers shall leave their prayer and recitation of the Qur’an and the hypocrites will learn the Qur’an and dispute with the scholars with this;
54. The earth shall throw up pieces like pillars of gold and silver;
55. Men will imitate women in dress and women will imitate men in dress; (Al-Isha’at)
56. Wives will be a partner in the business of her husband; (Musnad Ahmad)
57. They shall regard Zakaat as a penalty; (Ibn Abi Ad-Dunya)
58. He shall disobey his mother; (Al-Isha’at)
59. Men shall obey his wife;(Al-Isha’at)
60. Court judjments shall be sold and purchased;(Tibrani)
61. There will be an increase in the Police force; (Tibrani)

62. The Noble Qur’an shall be made means of musical performance; (Tibrani)

63. Muslims will be large in number but weak in Imaan;(Abu Dawood)

64. Trials will befall on your houses like rain; (Bukhari)

65. A man will be a believer in the morning but a disbeliever in the evening; (Muslim)

66. Women will wear tight-fitting and transparent garments;(Muslim)

67. Women will wear bulges on their heads; (Muslim)

68. Men will be gay (Al Isha’at)

69. Women will be lesbians (Al-Isha’at)

70. Man will have intercourse with his wife from the back; (Al Isha’at)

71. People will commit adultery on the mid-road and there will be no objection; (Tibrani)

72. Fools will be governers; (Al-Isha’at)

73. Slave girls will be consulted; (Al-Isha’at)

74. People will arrange for prostitutes for their guests; (Ibn Abi Ad- Dunya)

75. Having patience without deen will be like taking embers of fire in one’s hand; (Tirmizi)

76. Leaders will make you infidels and kill you if you oppose them;(Tibrani)

77. When the rights of the Zimmi (non-Muslims under protection) are usurped; (Kanzul-Ummal)

78. The untrustworthy are trusted;(Al-Hakim)

79. The trustworthy are blamed;(Al-Hakim)

80. Hypocrisy will be rampant; (Al-Hakim)

81. People with whips like cows tails that they will beat people; (Al-Isha’at)

82. People will not be bothered about lawful or unlawful income; (Nasai)

83. The most righteous man will be a disgraced son of a disgraced father; (Tirmizi)

84. The leader of every tribe will be a hypocrite; (Tibrani)

85. People will deceive others for worldly gains in the name of Deen; (Musnad Firdause)

86. Vicious men will overpower the righteous men; (Tirmizi)

87. Men in the Masjids' shall search for an Imam but will find none; (Abu Dawood)

88. The Arabs will perish; (Tirmizi)

89. The times shall be drawn nearer; (Tirmizi)

90. Knowledge will be looked for with the inferior; (Tibrani)

91. Makkans will leave Makkah; (Musnad Ahmed)

92. Grand buildings will be constructed in Makkah, then the people will leave never to come back; (Musnad Ahmed)

93. The moon will be sighted in advance; (Tibrani)

94. Masjids will be used as pathways; (Tibrani)

95. People will take pride among one another in building Masjids; (Muslim, Tirmizi)

96. Hajj Pilgrimage will come to an end; (Kanzul-Ummal)

97. Piety will become a tale and abstention an act of ostentation; (Kanzul-Ummal

98. Masjids will be given names; (Kanzul-Ummal, Tibrani)

99. Populated parts of the world will depopulate and vice versa; (Tibrani)

100. Songs and music will become common, (Tibrani, Ibn Maja)

101. Illegitimate children will increase; (Tibrani)

102. Cloaks will be common; (Tibrani)

103. It will be easier for men to bring up puppies then their own children; (Tibrani)

104. Giving false evidence and concealing true evidence; (Kanzul-Ummal)

105. Appearance of the pen; (Kanzul-Ummal)

106. Relative will complain to relative but the latter will make no response; (Al-Isha'at)

107. Nothing will be given to beggars; (Al-Isha'at)

108. The Book of Allah will become a subject of shame; (Al-Isha'at)

109. People will pretend to love each other but will be secretly jealous; (Ahmad)

110. People will earn money by praising each other; (Ahmad)

111. Inheritance will not be distributed; (Al-Isha'at)

112. No joy will be felt on getting war-spoils; (Al-Isha'at)

113. People will complain about inadequate profits; (Al-Isha'at)

114. Boys will deliver lectures from pulpits to female audience; (Ibn Madawiyah)

115. The rains shall cause heat; (Tibrani)

116. Wine will be drunk freely; (Tibrani)

117. People will respect rich men; (Ibn Madawiyah)

118. Conversation with ladies will become a common feature; (Ibn Madawiyah)

119. People will change their clothes in the morning and evening; (Tirmizi)

120. Only dinars and Dirhams will be profitable; (Ahmad)

121. People will say that the Qu'ran is sufficient without Ahadith; (Mishkat, Ahmad, Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood)

122. The smoke of usury will even touch people who do not eat it; (Mishkat)

123. The last type of locusts will be the first to perish;

124. The disappearance of knowledge and the appearance of ignorance; (Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Majah and Ahmad)

125. Books/Writing will be widespread but knowledge will be low; (Ahmad)

126. Women will outnumber men 50-1; (Bukhari, Muslim, and Ahmad)

127. Children will be filled with rage; (At-Tabarani, At-Hakim)
128. Women will conspire; (At-Tabarani, At-Hakim)
129. Gains will be shared out only among the rich; (Tirmidhi)
130. Paying zakaat will become a burden and charity will be given reluctantly; (Tirmidhi)
131. Miserliness shall spread; (Tirmidhi)
132. People will be brethren in public but enemies in secret; (Tirnidhi)
133. Men shall treat his friend kindly while shunning his father; (Tirmidhi)
134. The voices will be raised in the Masjids; (Tirmidhi)
135. Iraq will be denied their bread; (Muslim)
136. Their leaders will be the worst of the community; (Tirmidhi)
137. Faith will be sold for the gains of the world; (Muslim)
138. Men will begin to wear silk; (Tirmidhi)
139. When the last ones in the Ummah begin to curse the first ones; (Tirmidhi)
140. People will claim to follow the Qur'an and reject the Hadith and Sunnah; (Abu Dawood)
141. People will believe in the stars (Haythami)
142. People will reject Al-Qadr (The Divine Decree of destiny); (Haythami)
143. Time will pass rapidly; (Bukhari, Muslim and Ahmad)
144. Good deeds will decrease; (Bukhari)
145. Smog will appear over cities because of the evil that they are doing;
146. Wealth will increase so much that if a man was given 10,000 he would not be content with it; (Ahmad and Bukhari)
147. People will walk in the market place with their thighs exposed;
148. People will hop between the clouds and the earth;

149. Great distances will be traversed in a short space of time;

150. A man will pass by a grave and wish he was in the dead persons place; (Bukhari)

151. Earthquakes will increase; (Bukhari and Muslim)

152. There will be attempts to make the desert green;

153. Women will be naked while being dressed, these women will be lead astray and will lead others astray; (Muslim)

154. The conquest of India by the Muslims; (Ahmad)

155. There will be special meeting for people of distinction; (Ahmad)

156. Wild animals will be able to talk to humans; (Ahmad)

157. A man will leave his home and his thigh or hip will tell him what is happening back at home; (Ahmad)

158. A woman will enter the workforce out of love for this world; (Ahmad)

159. Family ties will be cut; (Ahmad)

160. A man will be respected for fear of his wickedness.(Tirmidhi)

161. There will be many women of child-bearing age which will no longer give birth;

162. There will be an abundance of food, much of which has no blessing in it;

163. people will refuse when offered food;

164. people will take delight in oppressing the weak.

165. little kids will be bold and shun the elderly.

166. man will be turned into apes and swine's because of their drinking, womanizing and gambling.

167. prevalence of open illegal sexual intercourse; (Bukhari)

168. increase in riff-raffs and hooligans; (Ahmad)

169. old men will attempt to become young; (Muslim)

170. turmoil appearing from the East; (Bukhari and Muslim)
171. a year will be like a month; (Ahmad, Ibn Hibbaan)
172. a month will be like a week; (ibid)
173. a week will be like a day; (ibid)
174. a day will be like an hour; (ibid)
175. an hour will be like burning and combusion of palm leaves. (ibid)
176. ignorant leaders will issue religious verdicts without knowledge; (Bukhari, Muslim)
177. Jurists will be few;
178. increase in ignorant worshippers;
179. nothing will remain of Islaam but its name;
180. nothing of the Quraan will remain but its text;
181. ulama will be the worst people under the sky;
182. from the Ulama evil and corruption will emerge;
183. to them (the Ullama) it will revert;
184. practicing the Quraan will be regarded as a fault;
185. life-span of people will shorten;
186. childless women will celebrate in happiness;
187. judgements will be passed on personal opinion;
188. dispite abundance of rain, there will be a decrease in harvest;
189. winters will become hot;
190. lectures will defuse lies;
191. legalization of wine by calling it a refreshment;
192. legalization of interest by calling it profit;
193. legalization of bribery by calling it a gift;
194. doing business and transacting with zakaat;
195. peoples religion will be worshipping of carnal desires and lust;
196. a group will say 'we have recited the Quraan, are there now any greater reciters than us?';
197. are there any greater scholars than us?
198. a group will miss-interpret the Quraan and through their interpolations spread misgivings and doubt in religious matters;
199. they will dispute intensely;

200. there will be a surpluss of useless leaders and ministers;
201. a group will reject Qadr (Taqdeer)
202. a group will deny the coming of the Dajjaal;
203. a group will deny the rising of the sun from the West;
204. a group will deny the punishment of the grave;
205. a group will deny the intercession of the Day of Qiyaamat;
206. a group will deny the existence of the Fountain of Kauthar;
207. a group will deny the removal of sinners (Believers from hell after punishment;)
208. When Hudud (Shari Punishments) are abolished;
209. when booty is considered as private property;
210. when "amanah" is considered as booty;
211. when zakaat is considered as tax;
212. when people take delight in oppressing the weak and helpless;
213. when justice is sold;
214. when law enforces are crooked;
215. raining of stones from the sky;
216. women become rebellious;
217. when you will not enjoin good and forbid evil;
218. when you consider evil as good and good as evil;
219. when groups sit in the Masjid discussing their worldly affairs;
220. such leaders who will not obey Nabi (SAW) teachings, nor follow his Sunnah;
221. Rulers will be open-handed and active in oppressing the people of Imaan;
222. there will be few givers;
223. and many takers;
224. sermons will be lengthened;
225. and Salaat shortened;
226. Ulama (Scholars), Saliheen (Righteous), and Fuqhaa (Jurists) will gradually leave the world;
227. you will find no adequate replacements;

228. when people leave aside the “Muhkamat” (Ayats ????? the Law of Allaah) and delve into “Mutashabihaat” (Ayaat which are not clear and metaphorical in meaning)

229. Misery would be put into hearts of people; (Bukhari, Muslim)

230. bloodshed and slaughter will increase; (Bukhari, Muslim)

231. obscenity and abomination will increase;(Bazzar, Tibrani, Ahmad)

232. Business trips to various parts of the earth will earn no profit; (Hakim)

233. people will construct houses whose layouts and sketches are on embroidered or painted fabrics; (Bukhari)

234. Muslims will fight the Turks; (Muslim)

235. Female singers will appear; (Tirmidhi)

236. Dajjals (liars) WILL appear bringing ahadith not known to you or your forefathers; (Muslim)

237. there will be thirty Dajjals (Liars) each one of them will claim that he is Allaah’s apostle; (Bukhari, Muslim)

For further more detailed information see (1) the rise of Mishciefs and disorders and Signs of Resurrection; (2) Doomsday, Paitents and Prophesies; (3) The Present Era.

Proof for the Signs of Qiyaamah

Question: Did Rasulullaah ρ mention the signs of Qiyaamah? If he did, then which signs did he mention? Please clarify the matter because we have few people who do not accept this.

Answer: Just as there are signs to indicate the time when any great and important thing comes to an end, in the same way there will be certain signs to indicate when the world will come to an end. The Ahadeeth have mentioned these signs, as will be quoted. It is necessary for us to believe in these.

These signs are of two types, (1) the minor signs and (2) the major signs. All the signs that take place up to the coming of Hadhrat Mahdi are classified as minor signs while those to come after him and before the blowing of the trumpet are regarded as the major signs. Qiyaamah already begins with these major signs. We will now cite the minor and major signs.

It should be noted that those signs that are within a person’s ability are all acts of sin and are mentioned so that people refrain from them. One must therefore repent from one’s sins, rectify one’s life and do one’s best to stay away from involving oneself in the signs Rasulullaah ρ has stated. Remember that the signs Rasulullaah ρ mentioned hundreds of years ago will unfold exactly as he had mentioned them and these we are actually seeing before our eyes. This is ample proof of the truthfulness of Rasulullaah ρ.

Hadhrat Anas τ reports that Rasulullaah ρ said, “Amongst the signs of the Final Hour will be that knowledge will be lifted (by the demise of people of knowledge), ignorance will flourish, fornication will be rife, drinking of liquor will be rampant and women will number so much more than men that one man will have to care for fifty women.”[1]

In his famous book *Aqaa’idul Islaam,* Allaama Abu Muhammad Abdul Haqq Haqqaani رحمه الله has quoted from Bukhaari and Muslim a hadith of Hadhrat Anas τ in which Rasulullaah ρ mentions the following signs of Qiyaamah: Knowledge will be lifted (by the demise of people of knowledge), ignorance will flourish, fornication will be rife, drinking of liquor will be rampant and women will number so much more than men that one man will have to care for twenty women.

Hadhrat Jaabir τ[2] reports from Rasulullaah ρ that another sign will be that large number of liars will be prevalent. A narration of Bukhaari from Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah τ states that there will come a time when important posts will be entrusted to unworthy people. Another narration of Muslim from Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah τ mentions that at that time the world will be so much filled with tragedies and calamities that people will wish they were dead. A narration of Tirmidhi also from Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah τ tells us that amongst the signs will be that:

- leaders will regard booty to be their personal wealth
- people will regard trusts placed with them to be booty
- zakaah will be treated like a tax

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[1] *Mishkaatul Masaabeeh* (Pg.469).
[2] Muslim.

- knowledge of Deen will be studied for worldly motives
- men will obey their wives rather than their mothers
- they will be more attached to their friends than to their fathers
- people will make noise and shout in the Masaajid
- sinners will be the leaders of people
- unworthy people will assume positions of authority
- people will be honoured for fear of the harm they can cause
- music will be in every commonplace
- drinking of liquor will be widespread
- the latter generations of the Ummah will curse the former generations

Rasulullaah ρ then said that when these things happen, people should then wait for severe hurricanes with red winds, earthquakes, stones raining from the sky, people sinking into the ground and being transfigured…"[3]

Shah Rafi'ud Deen Muhaddith Dehlawi رحمه الله has quoted a Hadith from Hadhrat Ali τ concerning the minor signs of Qiyaamah. In the Hadith, Rasulullaah ρ mentions the following signs:

- when leaders will regard the income of the state to be their personal wealth
- when zakaah will be treated like a tax
- when people will regard trusts placed with them to be booty (permissible for them to use as they please)
- when men will obey their wives rather than their mothers
- when children will disobey their parents and keep immoral people as friends
- when knowledge of Deen will be studied for worldly motives
- when the worst people of nations will become their leaders
- when unworthy people will assume positions of authority
- when people will be honoured for fear of the harm they can cause
- when the drinking of liquor will be widespread
- when music, dancing and instruments of entertainment will be in every commonplace
- when fornication and adultery will be rampant
- when the latter generations of the Ummah will curse the former generations

Rasulullaah ρ then said that when these things happen, people should then wait for severe hurricanes with red winds and other forms of punishment such as earthquakes, stones raining from the sky and people sinking into the ground and being transfigured."

Apart from these, many other signs will follow in rapid succession just as the beads of a necklace fall consecutively to the ground when the string breaks … Other signs mentioned are:

- playing in the Masaajid
- swearing and making absurd statements when meeting each other rather than greeting with Salaam
- decrease in the knowledge of Deen
- regarding lying as a virtue
- disappearance of honesty and trustworthiness from people's hearts
- sinners acquiring the knowledge of Deen

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[3] *Aqaa'idul Islaam* Pg. 180.

- disappearance of shame and modesty
- the Kuffaar getting together and harming the Muslims from all sides to such an extent that it will be unavoidable
- the appearance of many false religions
- fabrication of Ahadeeth
- the start of many new innovations in Deen (Bid'ah)[4]

Hadhrat Thowbaan τ reports from Rasulullaah ρ that a time will come when the Kuffaar powers will call each other to destroy the Muslims just as people invite each other to partake of a meal. "O Rasulullaah ρ!" the Sahabah ψ asked, "Will we be few in number during that time (because of which they will want to take advantage of us)?" "Not at all," Rasulullaah ρ replied, "In fact, you will be as much as the foam on the sea. However, the Kuffaar will have no fear for you because you will have weakness in your hearts." "What is this weakness?" someone asked. Rasulullaah ρ replied, **"Love for this world and dislike for death."**[5]

Hadhrat Anas τ narrates that Rasulullaah ρ said, "Qiyaamah will not come until time shortens and a year becomes like a month, a month like a week, a week like a day and a day like an hour and an hour like the flash of a flame."[6]

Khateeb رحمه الله has reported a narration stating that Hadhrat Umar τ once dispatched Hadhrat Nadhla bin Mu'aawiya τ with an expedition to Qaadisiyyah. When the time for Asar arrived, Hadhrat Nadhla τ stood up to call out the Adhaan. However, when he said, "Allaahu Akbar! Allaahu Akbar!" a voice immediately came from the mountain saying, "O Nadhla! You have exalted the name of an Exalted Being." When Hadhrat Nadhla τ then called out "I testify that Muhammad ρ is the Rasul of Allaah", the voice said, "The one who warned and gave good news is the same Nabi ρ about whose coming Isa bin Maryam υ gave glad tidings. It is upon his Ummah that Qiyaamah will take place."

When Hadhrat Nadhla τ then called out, "Come to salaah", the voice said, "Congratulations to the one who goes towards it and is regular with it." When Hadhrat Nadhla τ called out, "Come to success", the voice said, "Success will be the lot of the one who believes in what Muhammad ρ said about this being the factor to keep the Ummah in existence." When Hadhrat Nadhla τ ended the Adhaan with "Allaahu Akbar! Allaahu Akbar!" the voice remarked, "You have displayed great sincerity, O Nadhla! Allaah has therefore forbidden Jahannam from you."

When the Adhaan was over, all the Muslims turned to the mountain and said, "Who are you? May Allaah have mercy on you. Are you an angel, a Jinn or an unseen announcer? You have made us hear your voice, so now show us what you look like. We are the delegation of Allaah and His Rasool ρ and have been sent by Umar bin Khattaab τ."
The mountain then cleaved open and an old white-bearded man emerged wearing two woollen garments. When he greeted with *"As Salaamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh"*, the Muslims replied by saying, "*Wa Alaykumus Salaam wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh*. Who are you? May Allaah have mercy on you." He replied saying, "I am Zarnab the son of Yartamla. I am the follower of the Allaah's righteous servant Isa bin Maryam υ. He put me to stay in this mountain and made du'aa that Allaah grant me a long life until the time that he descends from the

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[4] *Alaamaate Qiyaamah* Pgs.4,5.
[5] *Mishkaatul Masaabeeh* (Pg. 459) and Abu Dawood (Vol.2 Pg.242).
[6] *Mishkaatul Masaabeeh* (Pg.470) and Tirmidhi (Vol.2 Pg.56,57).

heavens, kills all pigs, breaks the cross and exonerates himself from the forbidden things that the Christians have made lawful. Since I have not had the opportunity to meet Muhammad ρ, do convey my greetings to Umar τ and tell him to practise moderation because the time is nigh. Inform him about the events I will describe to you and tell him that when these become apparent in the Ummah of Muhammad ρ, then the only thing to do is run away. (They are:)

1. When men gratify themselves with men and women with women
2. when people will attribute their lineages to families and masters that are not their own
3. adults will not have mercy on youngsters
4. people will stop doing good and will not even encourage it, while at the same time, they will not stop evil
5. knowledge (of Deen) will be acquired only to earn money
6. rain will stop falling
7. children will be filled from head to toe in rage
8. high rise building will be constructed
9. Qur'aans will be decorated with gold and silver plating
10. houses will be built very strong
11. people will follow the dictates of their whims
12. Deen will be sold for worldly gains
13. killing and severing family ties will be regarded to be trivial matters
14. governments will be bought and sold
15. interest will be commonplace
16. wealth will be the basis of honour
17. a man will leave his house and someone better than him will stand up for him and greet him
18. women will ride on saddles" (nowadays they not only sit without Purdah beside their husbands on scooters, but they actually ride them by themselves)

After saying this, Zarnab the son of Yartamla disappeared without trace. Hadhrat Nadhla τ wrote about this to Hadhrat Sa'd bin Abi Waqqaas τ, who in turn wrote about it to Hadhrat Umar τ.

Hadhrat Umar τ wrote back to Hadhrat Sa'd bin Abi Waqqaas τ saying, "O Sa'd! Would you please take the Muhaajireen and Ansaar with you to the mountain and camp there for awhile. Should you meet with the follower of Hadhrat Isa υ, please convey my Salaams to him because Rasulullaah ρ informed me that there is such a person living in a mountain in Iraq." **Hadhrat Sa'd τ then took forty Muhaajireen and Ansaar and camped by the mountain for forty days. Although they called out the Adhaan five times a day, they received no reply at all.**[7]

Thus far we have mentioned the minor signs. We will now briefly mention the major signs, as mentioned in *Aqaa'idul Islaam*. One may refer to *Aqaa'idul Islaam, Alaamaate Qiyaamah* and the various books of Ahadeeth for more details.

Hadhrat Mahdi will rule with justice and equality. Dajjaal will then make his appearance and spread corruption throughout the earth. Hadhrat Isa υ will then descend from the heavens and kill Dajjaal at Baabul Ludd. Thereafter Hadhrat Isa υ and Hadhrat Mahdi will travel though the lands and console those who had been harmed by Dajjaal and compensate them for their losses. At that time, all of the

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[7] *Jawaahiruz Zawaahir* Pgs. 286,287.

earth will be filled with peace and safety, Islaam will spread throughout the world and all kufr and oppression will be eliminated. Hadhrat Mahdi's Khilaafah will last for seven years or eight years, after which he will pass away. Hadhrat Isa υ and the Muslims will perform his Janaazah salaah and bury him.

Hadhrat Isa υ will then take charge of all affairs and there will be peace all about. However, he will receive revelation telling him to take all the Muslims to Mount Toor because a nation (the Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj) will soon be emerging and no nation has the power to fight them. They will then be released and cause chaos and havoc on earth, after which Allaah will destroy them. After the Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj are destroyed, the earth will again be filled with peace and prosperity to the extent that an entire family will get full eating just one pomegranate or drinking the milk of a single goat.

This will last for seven years, after which Hadhrat Isa υ will pass away and be buried next to Rasulullaah ρ. Thereafter, evil, irreligiousness and Kufr will start to spread slowly throughout the world and a day will come when a smoke will envelope the world. It will cause all Mu'mineen to show the symptoms of a cold and will cause the Kuffaar much difficulty. This smoke will prevail for full forty days.

A narration of Muslim quotes Rasulullaah ρ as saying, "Qiyaamah will not dawn until ten signs manifest themselves: (1) the smoke, (2) Dajjaal, (3) the creature from the earth, (4) the rising of the sun form the west, (5) the descent of Isa υ, (6) the emergence of the Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj, (7) sinking of the earth in three places, in the east, in the west and in Arabia, (8) at the end of it all, a fire will emerge from Yemen and drive people towards the Plains of resurrection.

It will then occur in the month of Dhul Hijjah that the night after the day of Nahr (10^{th}) will be extremely long. People will be filled with fear and will start to repent to Allaah and engage in du'aa. The night will last the duration of three nights, after which the sun will emerge from the west. It will rise as high as it usually does at midday and will then return to the west and set. Thereafter, it will rise and set as normal. From the time the sun rises from the west. No person's repentance will be accepted, nor will any person's conversion to Islaam be accepted.

This has been reported in several Ahadeeth. A Hadith of Bukhaari and Muslim from Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah τ states that Nabi ρ said, "Qiyaamah will not come until the sun rises from the west. When it does and people see it, they will accept Imaan, but their Imaan will be of no avail to them."

The day after this, Mount Safa in Makkah will cleave open and a strange creature will emerge from it, which will actually speak to people. This creature from the earth is mentioned in the Qur'aan as well as in the Ahadeeth. Between this event and the blowing of the trumpet will be a duration of a hundred years. Not long after the emergence of the creature, a cold wind will blow from Shaam which will cause all people of Imaan to pass away. In fact, even if a Mu'min is in a deep cave, the wind will reach him there. After this there will be only evil people living on earth, who will not know the meaning of good.

The people from Abyssinia will then dominate the world and rule over it. They will eventually destroy the Kabah and remove the treasures from beneath it. The earth will then be filled with evil and tyranny and like animals, people will openly commit incest with their mothers and sisters. The words will be lifted from the pages of the

Qur'aan, no people of Imaan will be left and drought will ravage the people. **A fire will then emerge from the south, surround the people and drive them towards Shaam where people will be resurrected on the Day of Qiyaamah.** When night falls, the fire will stop in its tracks (for the people to rest) and will again start chasing them at daybreak. When they eventually reach Shaam, the fire will disappear.

A Hadith of Muslim narrated by Hadhrat Hudhayfah bin Usayd Ghifaari τ states that the last of the ten final signs of Qiyaamah will be a fire that will drive the people to the place of resurrection. The people will then live here for several years in peace and comfort. Shaytaan will then come to them in human form and say, "Are you people not ashamed of yourselves?" "What are you talking about?" they will ask. Shaytaan will say, "You should be worshipping idols." They will then start to worship idols. They will continue receiving sustenance in generous proportions and, according to a narration of Muslim, it will be when there is none to take the name of Allaah that the trumpet will be blown. People will be surprised when they hear a faint sound, but the sound will gradually get louder until it will be louder than thunder. This will cause the people to die. **This will take place on a Friday on the 10th of Muharram.**

The trumpet is a horn shaped type of a bugle that the angel Hadhrat Israfeel υ will blow. This is reported in a narration of Abu Dawood and Tirmidhi. A narration of Muslim states that the first person to hear the trumpet will be a man busy plastering a water hole for his camel. He will fall unconscious when hearing it, after which the same will happen to other people. Allaah says in the Qur'aan: ***You will also see people in a drunken stupor although they will not be drunk, but*** *(they will be in this condition because they will realise that)* ***Allaah's punishment is severe."***[8]

The sound of the trumpet will be so frightening that wild animals will run into the cities and people will run into the wilds. Allaah says, ***"When wild animals will be gathered together."***[9] The animals will all also die, after which the sound will become even more intense and trees and mountains will fly about like wool, as Allaah says, "***...and the mountains*** *(which are found in a variety of colours)* ***will*** *(be tossed into the air and)* ***become like coloured*** *(flakes of)* ***wool*** *(as they fly about like flakes of wool tossed through the air)*.[10]

When the sound becomes even more intense, the stars, moon and sun will shatter and fall and the sky and earth will disintegrate. Allaah says in the Qur'aan: "***When*** *(the trumpet will be blown to signal the Day of Qiyaamah,)* ***the sky will tear apart..."***[11] Another verse states, "***When*** *(this day takes place,)* ***the earth will be stretched out*** *(to form a level plain)****...***[12]

Allaah also says, "*(Do not forget the Day of Qiyaamah)* ***When the sun is folded*** *(will lose its light)****. When the stars fall down*** *(and cease to exist)*.[13] Allaah says in Surah Haaqa, "***When the trumpet will be blown once*** *(to signal the arrival of the Day of Qiyaamah)* ***and the earth and mountains*** *(will be)* ***lifted and smashed to bits all at once. On that day that*** *(Qiyaamah)* ***will take place which is to take***

[8] Surah Hajj, verse 2.
[9] Surah Takweer, verse 5.
[10] Surah Qaari'ah, verse 5.
[11] Surah Inshiqaaq, verse 1.
[12] Surah Inshiqaaq, verse 3.
[13] Surah Takweer, verses 1,2.

place. The sky will be split and become absolutely weak *(unable to remain standing)* ***that day…"***[14]

NOTE: Some Ulema state that eight things will be exempted from destruction on this day. They are the Arsh, the Kursi, the Lowhul Mahfoodh, the Pen, Jannah, Jahannam, the trumpet and all souls. The souls will however fall unconscious. Other Ulema maintain that everything besides Allaah will be destroyed, even the things mentioned above. This they derive from the verse: "***Everything shall perish but His Countenance.***[15] Allaah also says, "***Only the countenance of your Rabb the Possessor of majesty and benevolence shall remain*** *(forever, without ever perishing)*.[16] Another verse states: "*(On the Day of Qiyaamah, when nothing but Allaah will be alive, Allaah will announce,)* ***"To Whom does all Kingdom belong today?*** *(Because there will be none alive to respond, Allaah Himself will then reply by saying that all kingdom belongs)* ***To Allaah, the One, the Omnipotent."***[17]

Thereafter, the trumpet will be blown for a second time and everything will come back to life.[18]

And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

[14] Verses 13-16.
[15] Surah Qasas, verse 88.
[16] Surah Rahmaan, verse 27.
[17] Surah Mu'min, verse 16.
[18] Adapted from *Aqaa'idul Islaam* Pgs.178-196.